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1. WITH RESPECT TO PARA 3 OF REFTEL, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT BRITAIN HAS SEVERAL WAVE ENERGY PROJECTS. FUNDING FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM ONE TO NEARLY THREE MILLION POUNDS STERLING, AND TRIALS ARE NOW UNDER WAY ON VARIOUS 1/100TH TO 1/10TH SCALE EXPERIMENTS. SOME FULL-SCALE COMPONENTS ARE FUNDED. ALTHOUGH STILL IN

THE SPECULATIVE STAGE, THE EXPERIMENTS ARE DEMONSTRATING SOME DISTANT POTENTIAL FOR THE POINTS MENTIONED IN REFTEL.

2. WIND POWER HAS GAINED MODEST OFFICIAL ATTENTION RECENTLY, BUT OTHER SOLAR-RELATED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ARE BEING CONDUCTED. THE U.K. HAS FUNDED DIRECT SOLAR HEATING RESEARCH (SIX MILLION POUNDS OVER FOUR YEARS), PARTLY IN THE HOPE OF DEVELOPING EXPORT PROSPECTS.

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MENT ACTIVITIES GENERALLY ARE NOT HEAVILY FUNDED IN THE U.K. DIRECT SOLAR POWER IS VIEWED AS HAVING LITTLE POTENTIAL IN BRITAIN, ALTHOUGH RESEARCH ON BACKUP SYSTEMS FOR HOME HEATING CONTINUES. THE U.K. HAS FUNDED DIRECT SOLAR HEATING RESEARCH (SIX MILLION POUNDS OVER FOUR YEARS), PARTLY IN THE HOPE OF DEVELOPING EXPORT PROSPECTS.

3. WE HAVE POUCHED TO EB/FSE SEVERAL COPIES OF U.K.
DEPT. OF ENERGY PAPER NUMBER 28, "REPORT ON RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT, L976-77", WHICH DESCRIBES SOLAR-RELATED
PROJECTS IN BRITAIN. THIS IS THE BOOKLET GIVEN TO D.O.E.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY THORNE AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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